

Berwick Area High School

Gifted Education
and
Talent Development

BHS Gifted Opportunities

- Honors Courses
- Independent Study Project (ISP)
- Job Shadowing
- Medical Mentoring (MM)
- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Odyssey of the Mind (OOTM)
- Gifted Workshops
- PA Governor's Schools of Excellence
- Advanced Placement courses
- Dual (College) Enrollment

BHS Honors Courses

- Increased academic rigor & pacing in content area
- Open to grades 9,10,11,12
- Self-motivated, responsible, independent learners
- English, History, World Language, Math, Science
- 1 credit, weighted by 1.04
- By Application
 - Teacher recommendation / screening
- March – enrollment process

Independent Study Project

- Mentor and teacher supported research in area of interest.
- Open to grades 9,10,11,12
- Research paper, log and formal presentation
- Fulfills grad. project requirement for 2009, 2010 and 2011 only. Freshman have new requirement.
- 1 credit, weighted by 1.04
- By request and written proposal
- At GIEP or early Fall

Job Shadowing

- Opportunity to interact with a professional & experience their occupational setting.
- Open to grades 9,10,11,12
- Maintain a “log”, complete evaluation essay
- Any area of interest (see next slide)
- Not for credit
- By student/parent request
- Any time of year including summer

Job Shadowing cont'd

- Possible Areas of Interest
 - Children's Museum Bloomsburg (ISP)
 - Judicial Law Mentoring Program
 - Elementary/Middle/High School Education
 - Photography
 - Music
 - Poetry/Short Story Collection (ISP)
 - Occupation of choice

Medical Mentoring

- Mentor and teacher supported, independent research within the medical field. (incl. Veterinary)
- Open to grades 9,10,11,12
- Research paper, log and formal presentation
- 1 credit, weighted by 1.04
- By application
 - Science teacher recommendation
- **March** (for summer start) thru **September** (for fall start)

Model United Nations

- Research and represent a country in a role play debate of contemporary world issues.
- Open to grades 9,10,11,12
- Independent and guided research, written position papers, public speaking/debate, “diplomacy”
- Workshops (fall) & MUN Conference (spring) held at Bloomsburg University
- Extra-curricular club
- By application - September

Odyssey of the Mind

- Creative problem solving competition.
- Open to Grades K-12
- 7 member team, student developed skit performance & spontaneous
 - (long-term problem) - (short term problem)
- Competition held in early March
- Extra-curricular
- Enroll team in Nov./Dec

Pa. Governor's Schools of Excellence

- Summer residential program to challenge & enrich the artistic or academically talented.
- Open to grades 10, 11 only
- Strong interest, achievement, relevant activities, 5 weeks away from home
- www.pgse.org
- By application— avail. Oct 1; deadlines vary

Governor's Schools

Seven Schools – conducted in different regions of PA

- Agricultural Sciences
- Arts
- Global Entrepreneurship
- Information, Society & Technology
- International Studies
- Sciences
- Teaching

Note – discontinued in summer 2009

Advanced Placement Courses

- Increased academic rigor & pacing in content areas and the opportunity for college credit.
- Open to grades 11, 12 only
- Self-motivated, responsible, independent learners, AP Exam
- 1 credit, weighted by 1.08
- By application –
 - teacher recommendation / screening
- March – enrollment process

Dual Enrollment

- Enroll in college course taken during the HS day – on campus, on-line, distance learning.
- Open to grades 11, 12 only
- Gain college credit (6), discounted tuition
- 1 BHS credit, weighted by 1.04
- By application
- March – enrollment process

Gifted Education & Talent Development at BHS

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